THIRD DAY—*Saturday, 24th October 1931.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*continued*).

MR. R. GOPALASWAMY IYER (Minority Interest).—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of students that applied for seats for the three different courses of study (Mechanical, Electrical and Civil) in the School of Engineering, Bangalore, (same to be given each year from start) and also the number of seats given to students?

(*b*) The present cost of establishment and what will it cost to admit 100 students more?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—8. (*a*) A statement showing the number of students who applied for admission and the number of students selected from 1923-24 to 1931-32 is herewith furnished. (*Vide* Appendix No. III.)

(*b*) The total expenditure of the school is about Rs. 58,092-8-0.

The approximate cost for admitting 100 more students will be Rs. 57,100 as detailed below :—

		Rs.
Recurring charges	....	12,500
Non-recurring charges	....	30,000
Establishment charges (average)....		14,600
Total	....	57,100

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. P. Murugesam Pillay.—

Are any seats specially reserved for the depressed class boys in the Engineering School?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

No, but all those who applied have got seats, except two or three.

Mr. P. Murugesam Pillay.—

If more candidates are forthcoming, will they be admitted?

First Member of Council.—

It is a question of funds.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is there any percentage of seats reserved for the backward class boys?

First Member of Council.—

No, but please see answer to Question 29 and you will find that preference is being shown to the backward classes.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

Are appointments provided for all those who passed out of the Engineering School either in Government service or elsewhere?

First Member of Council.—

The training obtained by them paves the way for an honourable means of livelihood.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

Will it not be possible to make provision for extra admissions in the school?

First Member of Council.—

It is under the contemplation of Government to increase the existing facilities and it will be done as soon as funds become available.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

What is the annual income from fees in this school?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

What are the main details for the non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 30,000 referred to in (*b*)?

First Member of Council.—

Accommodation, equipment, etc.

Khan Bahadur Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Now that the rates of fees have been increased, is not at least 50 per cent of the expenditure covered by the fee income?

Dewan.—

No, not so much.

Mr. M. Ramaswamy.—

So long as the candidates are prepared to pay the prescribed fees, why not create facilities for the admission of a larger number?

First Member of Council.—

We are convinced that there is need to open more classes and it will be done when funds permit.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia.—

Do not Government believe that technical education has a greater value nowadays than general education?

First Member of Council.—

The answer to it is obvious. We would like very much to extend the scope and we want to do it.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Have you reserved any seats to non-Mysoreans?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

But how many non-Mysorean candidates were admitted this year?

First Member of Council.—

About eight or nine.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Wherefrom are they coming?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Generally from the Madras Presidency.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Is there a Motor-driving Section attached to the school?

First Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

When does the term begin?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mrs. Sakamma.—

Are there any facilities for lady candidates to join the Engineering School?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mrs. Sakamma.—

Can they not be trained for Civil Engineering or at least in subjects like Draughtsmanship, etc.? Is there any restriction to their admittance?

First Member of Council.—

Let us provide for the boys first and we shall consider when applications from lady candidates are received.

Mr. K. T. Satyanarayana Setty.—

When there were applications pending from Mysore students, why were seats given to outsiders?

First Member of Council.—

We have permitted the committee to take a few non-Mysoreans on payment of double the fees and so a few non-Mysoreans might have been taken.

Khan Bahadur Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Will Government pass orders giving preference to Mysoreans?

First Member of Council.—

That is the policy of Government.

Mr. M. P. Somasekhara Rao.—

Have not several Mysore students been refused seats even though they were duly qualified and some non-Mysoreans preferred instead?

First Member of Council.—

We have no detailed information.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

Are not Government aware that Mysore students are refused admission in certain outside Government institutions?

First Member of Council.—

In some places they do get admission.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

As a matter of policy, do you not give preference to Mysorean students in the local institutions?

First Member of Council.—

That is our policy.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

Will Government see to it that outsiders are admitted only after providing for all the local students?

Dewan.—

That is the policy of Government.

MESSRS. M. C. LINGE GOWDA (Mandya Taluk), K. M. KRISHNAPPA GOWDA (Nanjangud Taluk), G. CHANNAPPA (Yedatore Taluk), KULLEGOWDA (Seringapatam Taluk), S. THIMMEGOWDA *alias* THAMMAIYAGOWDA (Special Interest), S. C. MALLIAH (Mandya Taluk), H. R. T. RAJAGOPALA MUDALIAR (Hunsur Taluk), RANGADASAIYA (Minority Interest), IBRAHIM KHAN SAHIB (Hunsur